AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8 and 10 as follows:

1. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system ~~in which~~ for augmenting a surveillance video ~~is augmented by~~, comprising:

    means for insertion, into live video images seen by an operator, of synthetic or realistic objects ~~and/or by~~ or for visual enhancement of predetermined events taking place in the live video image seen by the operator~~, such insertion~~; and

    means for requiring ~~specific~~ an action by the operator, and for monitoring the action taken by the operator in response to ~~such~~ the insertion.

2. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system according to claim 1, further comprising a programmable event controller for controlling the augmented video image seen by the operator.

3. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system according to claim 2, further comprising a rules-based event generation module for initiating the generation of an augmented image.

4. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, further comprising a synthetic object generator for generating the synthetic object or event for insertion into the live video image seen by the operator.

5. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system according to claim 4 wherein the synthetic object ~~is~~ comprises a ~~fanciful~~ predetermined shape or a still picture of a person.

6. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system according to claim 5 wherein the predetermined ~~fanciful~~ shape ~~is~~ comprises a star, a square or a circle.

7. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system according to claim 5 wherein the still picture of a person shows the ~~such~~ person displaying normal, unsuspicious behaviour or shows the ~~such~~ person displaying suspicious behaviour.

8. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, further comprising a real object retrieval unit whereby the realistic objects or events which are inserted into the augmented video image comprises animated sequences extracted from previously recorded images of the scene under surveillance.

9. (original) An augmented video surveillance system according to claim 8 wherein the realistic event comprises video footage showing an act of theft.

10. (currently amended) An augmented video surveillance system according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, further comprising an interface generator allowing interaction with the operator.

11. (original) An augmented video surveillance system according to claim 10 wherein the event controller is programmed to give feedback to the operator via the interface generator.